

a movable linkage arm.

a pulley coupled via said linkage arm to said handle proximately positioned below said lever and freely rotatable about said linkage arm.

Please add the following new claim(s):

7. A weed extraction apparatus comprising:

a handle of a linearly elongated cylindrical configuration, having an anterior end opposite a posterior end, wherein said anterior end of said handle is encapsulated within a sleeve comprised of a thin layer of rubber peripherally adhered thereto, extending a linear distance therealong, so as to allow a user to obtain a non-slip, firm grasp of said handle;

a pair of movable claw appendages;

a linearly elongated lever pivotally mounted to said anterior end by a bolt, said bolt also serving as a fulcrum for said pair of movable claw appendages, wherein said lever includes a plurality of finger-gripping channels formed on an upper surface thereof so as to facilitate gripping of the lever;

an operating rod of a linear, rod-like configuration which extends parallel along a linear length of the handle and connects to a movable linkage arm pivotally mounted near the posterior end of the handle;

a spring disposed on said bolt and adapted so as to connectively embrace said lever in such a manner whereby said lever is biased to a position extending away from said anterior end of said handle;